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Subject: Concerning 2502 PARK VIEW DRIVE (GF-21-103669)

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Dear Members of the Historic Landmark Commission,

I oppose the demolition of the architecturally and historically significant house at 2502 Park View Drive. In attending the talk and the tour of the Air Conditioned Village offered by Mid Tex Mod, I learned that it is the best-preserved example of the proposed Austin Air-Conditioned Village Historic District. Mid Tex Mod and Preservation Austin's letters from last year's hearing strongly opposing this demolition are compelling. This outstanding, remarkably-intact, mid-century residence with passive cooling strategies and innovative technological design and construction is very much a part of Austin's history and culture. Austinite Ned Cole convinced organizers to locate this significant experiment appropriately in Austin, with our hot climate. The residence is an excellent early work of local architect, Fred Day, who made significant contributions to Austin's development. A National Register Historic District designation is underway for the Austin Air-Conditioned Village, and the best example of this project should be preserved.

I implore the applicant to take responsibility for this treasure and rise to the occasion and work with city staff to preserve the important features of the house. Short of that, I ask you to please vote for the preservation of 2502 Park View Drive. Let's preserve this unique gem for our Central Texas community.

Sincerely,

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